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## 70 years on: Light shines on war's end

SOUTHEND'S mayor will light a beacon on the cliffs at 9.32pm precisely this Friday – to mark the moment the guns fell silent over Europe for the second time in the 20th century.

It was 70 years ago on May 8, 1945 that the Second World War was declared over on the European stage.

A lone bugler will play a lament as the flames night up the night sky.

And Councillor Chris Walker will light the beacon outside the Naval and Military Club in Royal Terrace, in honour of the historic event "just as other towns and cities will be doing across the country."

Southend is marking two special wartime anniversaries – one on Friday and the other on Sunday.

The borough will also commemorate 100 years since the first Zeppelin raid on Southend with a vintage and valopir afternoon in Priory Park.

There will be world war-themed entertainment and activities throughout the afternoon from 2pm until 5pm.

Living history enthusiast Ian Houghton will be there mingling with visitors while jazz/swing combo Daisy Bowlers will be delivering well-loved songs of yesteryear on the Bandstand in Priory Park from 3pm until 5pm.

Local author Dee Gordon will be introducing her new book called Essex Land Girls.



CAGED: James Chrysostomou, far left, Pritchard, centre, Middleton, right

Leigh pair get stiff jail terms for supply of cocaine

## 33 YEARS DEALERS BEWARE

By Matthew Stanton

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A COCAINE network with a street value of more than £1million was found to be operating from Leigh homes.

Three men – James Chrysostomou, 48, of Woodcote Road, Leigh, John Middleton, 60, of Wulversford, Witham and Andrew Pritchard, 48, of Blenheim Chase, Leigh – were jailed for more than 33 years for drug-related offences at Woolwich Crown Court.

Last Wednesday Chrysostomou was sentenced to 16 years after being found guilty of supplying 500 grams of cocaine and possession with intent

to supply 6kg of cocaine while Middleton received a two-and-a-half year term for possession with intent to supply 500 grams of cocaine.

Pritchard was found guilty of possession with intent to supply 6kg of cocaine and was jailed for 15 years at an earlier hearing on Tuesday, March 25.

Detective sergeant Nicola Hawkins, of the Organised Crime Command, said: "I am pleased that Pritchard and Chrysostomou in particular have been given substantial jail sentences.

"I hope these will dissuade others from believing that dealing in class A drugs is a risk worth taking."

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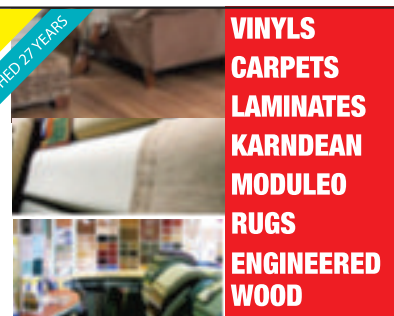
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# C-easy does it as birth of new service will see mum out in day

## Hospital helps 24-hour turnaround for caesarians

By Pat Higgins

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MUMS whose babies are delivered by caesarean should be able to take their newborns home from Southend Hospital, after just 24 hours

NHS managers have launched an innovative service – enhanced recovery in obstetrics – which cuts the post C-section stay from the normal two to three days.

Enhanced recovery is a modern, evidence-based approach that helps people recover more quickly after having major surgery and project leader Mr

Venkat Raman, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, plus his team, have applied this methodology to caesarean births.

He said: “We felt that the principles of enhanced recovery can be applied to women having caesarean births and the aim is primarily to get the patient in a good state at the time of caesarean section to facilitate speedy recovery so that mum and baby spend quality time after delivery in their comfortable home surroundings improving their satisfaction.”

“The guidelines are expected to achieve a reduction in pre-

operative starving times, better management of pain relief, better prevention of nausea and vomiting following surgery; early mobilisation minimising complications such as DVT.

“Overall, all these would contribute to better patient experience,” Mr Raman added.

The average length of hospital stay after caesarean birth in UK hospitals is between two to three days and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) suggests that women who are recovering well can be discharged after just 24 hours, which is what the ERPO service aims to achieve.

**FIRST AID:** Team that cuts the post-caesarian stay for mums at Southend Hospital, from left, Ric Pullen, IT development manager; Dr Bobby Krishnachetty, consultant anaesthetist; Paul Tracy, IT developer of application and database; Rose Marie Copper, midwife obstetrics and gynaecology; Mandy Porter, PA to Mr Raman; Mr Venkat Raman, consultant obstetrics and gynaecology; Dr Nicholas Coker, consultant and Colleen Begg, head of midwifery and clinical director



Departments from across the hospital have been working towards this for the past year.

The service introduces a multidisciplinary team consisting of: obstetricians, obstetric anaesthetists, midwives, managers and IT professionals.

The new service will be effectively

monitored with a new purpose-built database which will help to monitor the new service, learn lessons from and introduce changes in the specific areas in the pathway.

In the long run, this can be shared with other hospitals in the region.

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## Drink-drive motorist escapes ban to take his autistic girl out

A WESTCLIFF man has escaped a drink-drive ban, despite being caught behind the wheel at more than twice the legal limit.

David Arthur Jeffries, 64, of Tudor Road, was caught driving a Ford Focus on Avebury

Road on March 13. He gave a reading of 81 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35.

He entered a guilty plea at Southend Magistrates Court last week.

Ordinarily, any alcohol-

related motoring conviction results in an immediate suspension of the driver's licence.

However, magistrates let Jeffries off with a fine last week, claiming a ban would have a negative impact on his

autistic daughter.

Court papers said: “[The] bench found exceptional hardship, that loss of driving licence will have a substantial impact on his autistic daughter, who lives in care but he takes her out in his car twice a

month and collects her at weekends.”

Jeffries was instead ordered to pay a £230 fine, £85 court costs and a £23 victim surcharge.

The court also added 10 points to his driving licence.

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## Win VIP tickets to gala opening night of film festival

# Get ready to mingle with stars on the red carpet

AGE of Kill, a fast-paced, new thriller featuring a host of British stars will raise the curtain on the seventh Southend-on-Sea Film Festival and your *Yellow Advertiser* has a pair of money-cannot-buy tickets to give away to mingle with the stars.

The celebrity packed gala opening night, on Thursday, May 21, at Southend's Odeon cinema kickstarts five days of films at the Park Inn Palace Hotel.

Martin Kemp (The Krays, EastEnders) plays Sam Blake a sniper forced to murder six, seemingly random people in six hours to save his kidnapped daughter, who later realises the murders are part of a political coup and attempts to unmask the kidnappers.

The cast also includes Phil Davis (Poldark, Whitechapel), Nick Moran and Dexter Fletcher (both from Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels), and Patrick Bergin (Patriot Games, Sleeping with the Enemy).

More than 40 films, old and new from across the globe in a variety of genres, will be screened over the five days; from 1965 Christopher Lee classic The



Face of Fu Manchu to box office hit Paddington, plus a programme of talks.

Eight UK Independent feature films and 12 shorts are either World or UK premieres, including gritty and atmospheric thriller Still – a UK premiere starring Aiden Gillen (Littlefinger in Game of Thrones) at the closing gala.

For more information visit [www.southendfilmfestival.com](http://www.southendfilmfestival.com).

To win a ticket for you and a friend to the gala opening night on Thursday, May 21, including a pre-drinks reception, the screening of Age of Kill plus short film, Eva's Legacy, and an after-show party at the Park Inn Palace Hotel, just answer the following question.

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**T&Cs:** Winners must be over 18 to attend the black tie event and collect their tickets from the ticket desk at the start of the pre drinks reception, at Victoria Shopping Centre next to the Odeon Cinema, at 6.30pm. The screening will take place at 8pm and after show party from 10pm. Travel to and from the events is not included.

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**PRIDE OF JOY:** Photo memories of Joy Rooke's daughter, Debbie, who died in a collision with a car  
Photo by Mark Cleveland

## Support group to bereaved parents

By Charles Thomson

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A SOUTHEND woman whose daughter was killed in a road accident has started a support group for bereaved parents.

Joy Rooke, 62, lost her 31-year-old daughter Debbie in April 2013.

Debbie was left badly brain-damaged when an elderly man fell unconscious behind the

wheel of his car and crashed into Debbie, on her bike, on her side of the road.

Her parents had to make the heartbreaking decision to switch off her life support machine two days after the crash.

Joy said: "We had a lot of support from the police liaison officer and the church, but you need more support from people who understand."

She has founded the Avenue

Bereaved Parents Support Group, which meets once a month at the Avenue Baptist Church, Milton Road, Westcliff.

Joy added: "At the moment we are just telling our stories to each other. People can come along and have a cup of tea and be there for each other."

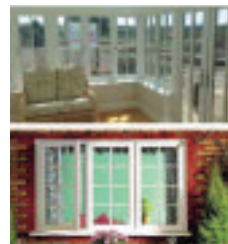
Next meeting is Monday, June 1 at 10.30am. For more details, call Joy on 07779 501217, or email joyrooke@yahoo.co.uk.

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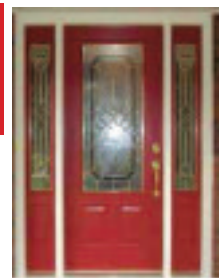
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# Sailing clubs set to push the boats out

TWO Southend sailing clubs – Leigh and Thames Estuary – are offering landlubbers a chance to get out on the water this month.

The clubs have joined the national Push the Boat Out campaign organised by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA).

Sailing clubs and watersports centres across Essex will offer people of all ages and abilities, free and low cost opportunities to try sailing and windsurfing from Saturday to Sunday, May 17.

The scheme is aimed at those new to the sport and others looking to get back on the water. The clubs are among more than 300 across the country taking part in Push the Boat Out.

RYA sport development manager Duncan Truswell said: "Push the Boat Out provides the perfect opportunity for people to discover their local sailing venue, meet key volunteers and like-minded people, have a go at the sport and find out how



**ON THE WATER:** The RYA is offering everyone the chance to try sailing

much fun it is."

Last year 260 clubs and centres in Britain held Push the Boat Out events with 17,000 people trying sailing or windsurfing for the first time over one weekend. Sailing clubs gained more than 1,000 personal memberships with more than 500 families becoming members of the clubs they visited.

For full details about Push the Boat Out and what is going on in your area visit [www.rya.org.uk/go/ptbo](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/ptbo). This year 41 clubs and centres in the eastern region have signed up.

To find your nearest venue and details visit <http://www.rya.org.uk/startboating/pushtheboatout/Pages/Search.aspx>.



**AWARD-WINNERS:** Staff at Jegs Electrical in Leigh-on-Sea  
Photo by Mark Cleveland

## Company staff celebrate milestone

A MULTI-MILLION pound company which started out with just £400 has celebrated its 45th birthday.

Jegs, which was co-founded by Martin Gibbons because he could not find anyone to employ him, is a DIY, household and garden distributor, supplying independent retailers across Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Scottish Isles and Channel Islands, from its Southend base.

"There was a baby on the way and mortgage to pay so I had to do something radical," he

said. "Thanks to lots of help from family and great staff, the firm has stood the test of time and grown steadily to what it is today."

Along the way the company has picked up several awards. It was voted Supplier of the Year four times by the British Independent Retail Association and once by the British Hardware Federation.

JEGS faced a major setback in 2007 when fire in its warehouse destroyed all stock, but the company was back fully trading five weeks later.

## Three jailed for £1m cocaine plot

**From front page**

She added: "Pritchard and Chrysostomou were sophisticated criminals who sought to evade arrest and destroy evidence by trying to force a police car off the road and throwing mobile phones into the road. Through the skill and determination of officers, they were arrested on the A13 with nobody sustaining injuries, and the mobile phones were recovered and played a key part in securing

guilty verdicts."

Following a police operation Middleton was arrested in May 2013 after he collected 500 grams of cocaine from Chrysostomou in Leigh.

Detectives continued to monitor Chrysostomou's bids to acquire and supply cocaine. In November 2013, Pritchard and Chrysostomou met up near the homes in Leigh and drove to Maplestead Road, Dagenham, where a man was

seen putting a package into Chrysostomou's car. Both travelled back towards Essex but were stopped by police on the A13. They tried to force a police car off the road prior to being stopped.

They were arrested and 6kg of cocaine was found in Dutch supermarket carrier bags inside Chrysostomou's car. This would have cost £250,000 to buy wholesale and could have a street value of up to £1m.

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# Organisers promise a kaleidoscope of exciting experiences

## Village Green's 'glass act' says it with flowers

THIS summer's Village Green festival sees a feast of arts activities for all the family.

Heading up the eclectic and exciting arts programme is the Floriferocity spectacular, a multi-sensory theatrical performance inspired by the Garden of Live Flowers in Lewis Carroll's Through the Looking Glass, follow-up to Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

Flying in from India, the company comprises the Rajasthani Circus, Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band, and Foundation for Indian Performing Arts featuring stilt walkers, traditional village circus acrobats, musicians, composers, poets, directors and acclaimed British artists.

The Floriferocity project will also be working alongside schools to make a variety of flowers and full "blinging" costumes with designer, Hervé Vita, to animate the performances at Village Green.

Also exhibiting at the July 11 event are 10 artists who will be in residence in and around Chalkwell Park during Village Green set-up week. Drawn from all over the UK and from Southend the artists will explore the beautiful natural setting of Chalkwell Park to make challenging and ambitious work for the festival environment.

Another colourful outdoor performance is Kate Platt's The Oss & The Ox where the worlds of England and Brazil meet.

Bringing together two vibrant figures from English and Brazilian folklore through music, dance and puppetry, The Oss and The Ox is a participatory, processional street performance involving professional performers and local children.

Last year Heidi Wigmore, a visual artist based in Leigh-on-Sea, created a large scale banner installation, The Contortionists, that transformed the skate park area into an outdoor gallery. These will return and accompany a new set that will present dynamic dance figures inspired by her work as artist workshop leader for English National Ballet. Also exhibiting breathtaking 20ft Chinese lanterns are Kinetika, whose work was featured at the Southbank Centre and during the 2012 London Olympics.

Sean McLoughlin, Village Green event director, said: "The colour and range in this year's artist programme is astonishing.

"The fact that so many local, national and international artists want to showcase their work at Village Green is something that Southend should really celebrate.



FEAST OF FUN: Village Green is forecast to be a highlight of the cultural calendar

"The arts will be showcased through exhibitions, in the marketplace and in performances, both processional and on stages throughout the day. This is the part of the festival that I love - bringing this huge kaleidoscope of exciting and different experiences to local audiences. This year's festival is shaping up to be the best yet."

Combined with the music of the festival, Village Green looks set to be a highlight on Southend's cultural calendar this year.

The music line-up includes internationally acclaimed musician, Nitin Sawhney, local legend Snowboy and the Latin Section; Hollie Cook, daughter of Sex Pistols' drummer Paul Cook; breakthrough band, Asylums; Roland Gift, who will be playing the hits from his time in Fine Young Cannibals, platinum-selling 2-tone

veterans, The Selector and hotly-tipped Southend band, Nothing but Thieves.

Tickets remain at the same level as last year. Free for 10-year-olds and under, £5 for 11 to 17-year-olds and £10 for adults.

They are available from www.villagegreenfestival.com or by calling Skiddle on 0844 844 2920 (Monday to Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, closed on Sunday).

Metal have set aside 500 FREE tickets for low-income families and individuals in Southend. They can be secured with the council through the Southend Advantage Card scheme.

For more details visit [http://www.southend.gov.uk/info/2/0/3/5/4/sports\\_and\\_leisure/109/southend\\_advantage\\_card](http://www.southend.gov.uk/info/2/0/3/5/4/sports_and_leisure/109/southend_advantage_card).

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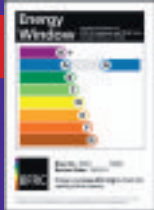
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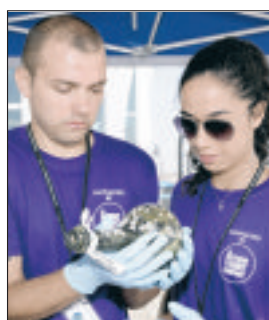
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## MUSEUM STAFF WIN NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR WORK ON 350-YEAR-OLD SHIPWRECK



**TRI-UMPHANT:**  
Divers Dan  
Pascoe, far left,  
Steve Ellis and  
Carol Ellis



**BOTTOM  
UP:** Dean  
Richardson  
and Danielle  
Jeffries with  
a green  
glass bottle  
circa 1650



**RETURNING TO BASE:**  
The divers' boat with  
latest finds at the pier  
head  
Photos by Mark Cleveland

# Pride of the deep

By Pat Higgins

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A COMMUNITY project to preserve artefacts from a 350-year-old shipwreck has won a national pat on the back for Southend Museum's staff.

The team was runner up in this year's prestigious Museums and Heritage Award for Excellence in the category of 'Project with a Limited Budget'.

It worked with local people to sort and conserve finds from the long-forgotten wreck of the HMS London, which sank on March 7, 1665 when she mysteriously blew up at the Nore near Southend.

Nick Harris, council head of culture, said: "Although we are very disappointed not to have won, I am extremely proud of the team for being recognised

for this amazing project.

"Being short listed is an achievement in itself and although we were beaten to top spot, runner up is more than deserved."

The London Shipwreck Project recruited and trained 17 local volunteers, who were were stationed at the end of the pier where residents and visitors could watch them sorting and undertaking preventive conservation of objects recovered from the shipwreck.

The London was first rediscovered in 2005 during works for the London Gateway and was initially investigated by Wessex Archaeology, then local licensed divers continued to monitor it.

Last year, English Heritage commissioned Cotswold Archaeology and the divers to

start carrying out underwater investigations and the museum won a grant from the Esmée Fairbairn Collections fund to curate, conserve and display finds from the wreck and to develop a local community project.

Photographer Luke Mair was among the volunteers and his pictures are on view at the Beecroft Art Gallery in the central library building, Victoria Avenue, until Saturday, June 27.

Mr Harris added: "The project created great interest at the end of the pier last summer – and people can continue to feel involved by seeing the pictures, which show how Southend people worked together to preserve their fascinating heritage.

"This exhibition is a very fitting way to mark the 350th anniversary of the sinking of

this vessel at the Nore near Southend, which was the traditional fleet assembly point in the Thames Estuary."

### FACT BOX

- The London was built in Chatham for the Cromwellian Navy in 1656, and was one of just three completed second-rate ships of the ten ordered for the first Anglo-Dutch war.
- She was part of an English squadron sent to the Netherlands in 1660 to restore Charles II to the English throne.
- Her illustrious career as the flagship of maverick admiral Sir John Lawson cut short on March 7, 1665 when she mysteriously blew up at the Nore.



**RECOVERED:** Diver Steve Ellis examines a wooden double sheave block in remarkable condition after over 300 years on the seabed

**FIND:** Volunteer Rebecca Griffiths holds a pair of the ships deviders used for chart work and recovered from the wreck

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## NEWS



**BRIGHT:** Fundraisers at last year's Colourthon, and right

## Paint the town any colour you like to raise money for charity

WALKERS are getting ready to paint the town red – blue, green and yellow – for this year's charity fundraising Southend Colourthon.

Walkers are encouraged to wear bright and colourful clothes to light up Southend at the event on Saturday, July 4.

Now in its ninth year it has so far raised £1.1million for 722 different charities.

Colourthon consists of three events. Twilight, a 10km walk around Southend by night. Moonlight, a half marathon fun walk around Southend by night, and Sunlight, a daytime event mainly for the under-16s and anyone else who feels the longer events are not for them.

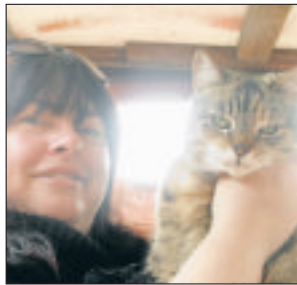
Organiser Julian Hart said: "This event just keeps going from strength to strength, and

the reaction from those who enter each year keeps us motivated to keep coming back, bigger and better.

"Colourthon has the potential to really make a real difference to registered charities in the area."

Anyone taking part must nominate a charity to raise cash for and walkers can register at [www.colourthon.org](http://www.colourthon.org).

## Stray Hilda's looking for a caring home



**FRIENDLY:** Hilda with fosterer Alison Peel

STRAY cat Hilda was clearly desperate to find a home and was spotted in Westcliff following people into their houses.

A spokesman for Southend Cats Protection said: "She was seen on the street looking to follow people into their houses and was always grateful for any food and attention given to her.

"She has obviously been looked after in the past as she is very friendly and can be easily picked up. She's been

in our care now for about a month and we are surprised that no one has come forward to claim her. It's possible that her previous owner may have died or moved away."

Hilda, who is believed to be about 10 years old, has been checked by a vet, is in good condition and is being looked after at a cattery.

● Anyone would like to know more about Hilda should contact Rita on 01702 710630 or email [rita@southendcats.org.uk](mailto:rita@southendcats.org.uk).

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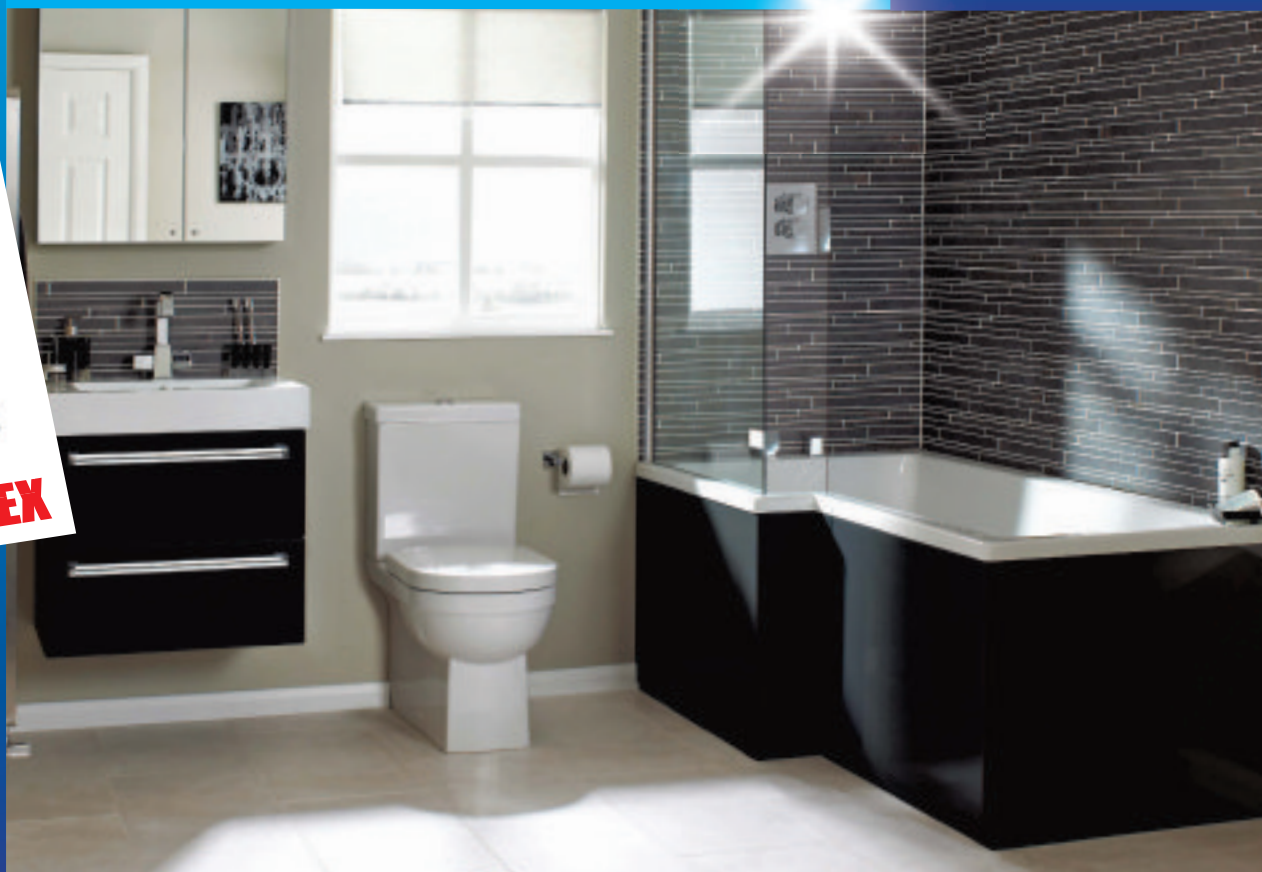
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# Police misconduct and appeal hearings open to the public No hiding place

By Charles Thomson

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POLICE officers accused of serious misbehaviour will have their disciplinary cases held in public.

Essex Police Commissioner Nick Alston has praised the new rules, introduced by the Home Office last week.

They state that public hearings must be held in cases where an officer is accused of gross misconduct or is accused of a standards breach while already on a final warning.

Hearings must also take place in public if a case is fast-tracked because a force "considers that there are already sufficient evidential and public interest grounds for the officer to leave the force without delay".

Appeal hearings brought before the Police Appeals Tribunal will be held in public as well.

Essex Police said that the change would only apply to officers whose disciplinary proceedings were instigated after last week's change.

The force said it had not yet decided how it would alert the public to when and where hearings were to take place, but a spokesman acknowledged that the force would "make the wide public aware" ahead of the sessions.

Under the new rules, two police officers sacked following disciplinary hearings two weeks ago would have had their cases heard in public.

PC Stephen Tilley, 36, of Millview Meadows in Rochford, was sacked after being convicted of committing misconduct in a public office, by 'abusing his position to form relationships with a number of females'.

Chief inspector Ben Hodder, 34, of San Marcos Drive in Chafford Hundred, was dismissed after being convicted of making indecent images of children.

Both officers remained suspended on full pay after their convictions, pending disciplinary hearings.

Mr Alston said he was glad the hearings would be opened up to spectators.

He said: "I welcome all initiatives which make the police misconduct process more open and transparent.

"Public confidence will always be enhanced when alleged unprofessional behaviour is open to public scrutiny, and this is why I publish details of Essex Police disciplinary cases on a regular basis.

"Precisely how misconduct hearings will be held in public is still being worked out by police forces. There may be cases where it is important to protect the identity of victims or witnesses – just as our courts have always done. But this is an important development which has my full support."

Courts do not ordinarily protect the identities of witnesses and usually do not protect the identities of victims, unless they are sex crime victims.



**'GOOD COP/BAD COP'**  
ROUTINE: Police and crime commissioner Nick Alston, far left, has welcomed plans to discipline officers in public while ex-chief inspector Ben Hodder, left, sacked after his conviction for making indecent images, would have been disciplined in public under the new rules

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TWO schools have launched a campaign to get community funding to help secure solar panels for their schools.

Leigh's Heycroft Primary and Eastwood Primary School and Nursery have joined forces to cut carbon emissions, save energy and cut energy bills.

They are the first in the county to be welcomed into the Solar Schools initiative run by charity 10:10.

It provides a crowd-funding platform and designated webpage for participating schools to engage local residents, communities and businesses in order to secure funding for their solar panels.

The project has been named

## Schools put energy into saving on carbon print

'Solar School Communities' and will enable the schools to engage with the local community to help them with online donations to fund the solar panels.

Each school hopes to raise £8,000 by the end of the summer.

Pupils have directed and filmed a short video promoting the project, which can be viewed on the Solar Schools website and have already run a cake sale at the offices of Southend-on-Sea Borough

Council and taken part in a Sunshine Day where pupils dressed in a solar theme to promote the project.

The pupils are also sending out letters to local businesses asking for their support, through financial donations.

Andrew Palmer, headteacher, at Heycroft, said "Solar Schools Communities has provided both schools with an exciting opportunity to work together to secure a source of renewable energy for our buildings."

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## No need to burn garden rubbish

WHY is it as soon as it warms up and we fling open the windows that neighbours start having bonfires in their gardens and the unpleasant smoke drifts through the house?

They obviously don't think before they commit this act of antisocial behaviour.

Being a bloke I do have some understanding of this act, as for some reason men, and mainly men, enjoy having bonfires and barbecues. It's probably in our DNA, handed down from cavemen.

Lighting bonfires may not be illegal but maybe it should be in our area. Now we have a weekly green bin service I see no reason to burn garden rubbish, in fact I am sure Rochford District Council would welcome every bit of green waste it can get.

If there is too much for one week's bin load, just store it up for the following weeks. It doesn't need to be illegal, just be a good neighbour and put it in the council bin or get your own green waste recycling bin

**Alan James Hockley**

## Debate was stage managed

I WAS entirely unsurprised to

hear from attendees that the Shoeburyness ward local election debate organised by Cllr Anne Chalk was a stage-managed farce. Those readers with long memories may recall that at the one she organised last year I was supposed to be representing the Labour Party, until she cut me out at the last minute and tried to claim Labour had not turned up.

This time Cllr Chalk managed to surpass herself, employing one of her friends and allies as a thoroughly biased chairman. Almost all of the questions were offered to Cllr Chalk, who, apparently was best placed to answer as sitting councillor.

Aside from the bias this shows to the incumbent, I have seen no other debate where questions were not answered by all candidates at the debate, in favour of one obviously preferred contender.

The result was the Conservative candidate Roger Hadley being asked a lot of questions about how awful his party is, and Labour's Maggie Kelly being cut out of the debate almost entirely. The Green and Liberal Democrat candidates did not make an appearance. It says something that Cllr Chalk is so worried about being found wanting, that she has to stack the deck against her opponents.

I think Cllr Chalk should apologise for this abuse of democracy, and assure us that it will not be repeated.

**Matthew Dent  
Labour candidate for  
Blenheim Park**

## Do we have to suffer doggy doo?

I HAVE an open plan area at the front of my bungalow. The gardeners mow the grass every week keeping it nice.

This year the gardeners sprayed the edges of the paths, killing everything. The grass has died back almost two feet. Did they have to be so drastic?

Last year healthy trees were cut down because of complaints. Why couldn't they just pollard them?

I get dog faeces left outside my front door on the grass.

My young grandson walked it into my bungalow. The smell was disgusting.

I complained to Rochford Housing and RDC only to be told nothing could be done about it.

Every dog owner I spoke to said, "it's not my dog."

The flats opposite have dogs. The owners let dogs use the grass area, as do some owners from neighbouring streets. It wouldn't be so bad if they picked it up. Health and safety doesn't seem to apply.

I recycle my rubbish and dare I put anything wrong in the bin I get a sticker on it, a letter and they refuse to empty it. I now have a bin with dog mess in it and I don't have a dog.

Thank goodness I have a back garden that I can enjoy. Why is everyone so deter-

mined to cut down trees, ruin open spaces with dog mess and litter?

Our green and pleasant land is sadly disappearing. Does anyone care?

**Mrs M A Malone  
Rayleigh**

## Bus service is just not good enough

I AM writing to complain again about the disgusting bus service that we have between Benfleet and Canvey Island.

It was fine when we had the number 26. I could get the bus to Benfleet station and catch the 26 to Charfleets as I knew the times. Then once I had visited my granddaughter I could catch the 26 again to my sister's.

Now I have to catch the 21 and change at Hawksbury Road to get the 27 or 22 all because Jeff King hopes to build his 800 homes on Thorney Bay Caravan Park.

Carry on like this and we may as well call Canvey Island Kings Island.

The buses either go as far as Hadleigh bus depot or the Woodcutters Arms or are "Not

in service". I waited about an hour coming home from Charfleet. Four buses went up and only one came back going to the depot.

It's murder when trying to visit people in Southend Hospital. Not everyone has a car. We go out not knowing whether we will get home.

Something badly needs doing to give us a decent bus service.

**Connie Hustler  
Benfleet**

## Road repairs a postcode lottery

"POSTCODE lottery" is often used when hospitals and schools are in the news. It now appears to include Porchester Road in Queens Park, Billericay.

We have just had resurfacing work in Porchester Road and the warning notices quoted that it would be the entire length of the road.

At the time of writing the residents of 28 to 42 Porchester Road (even numbers) as the street sign says has not seen so much as a teaspoonful of Tarmac laid to improve the sad, worn road surface.

We have lived in this road for 32-plus years, and the road has had traffic appropriate to the families living here with their own private vehicles, delivery vans, skip lorries, removal lorries and of course the stalwart men with their refuse lorries.

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**Antony Motley  
Billericay**



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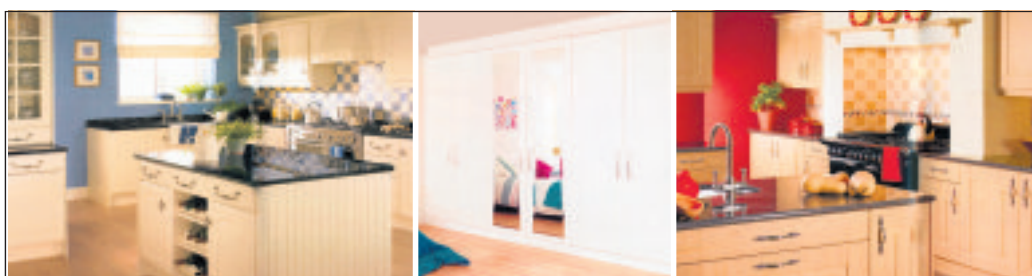
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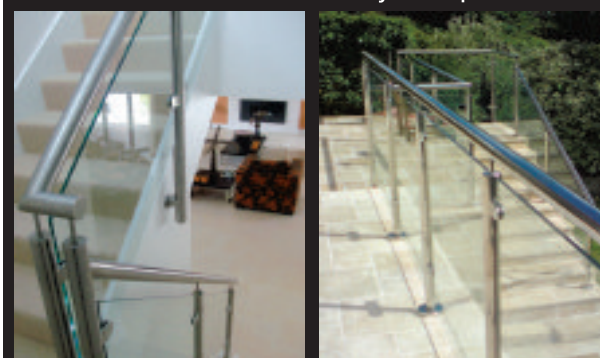
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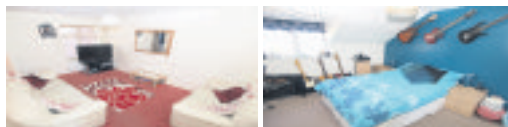


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Rayleigh **£265,000**

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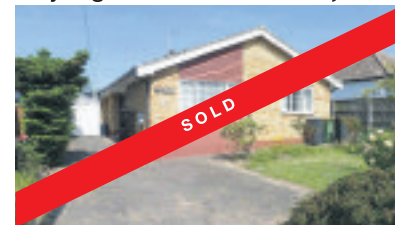
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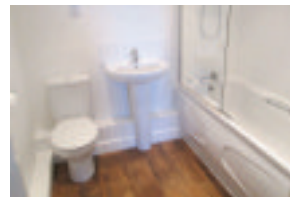
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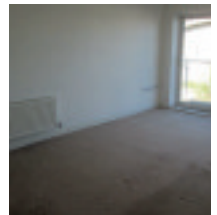
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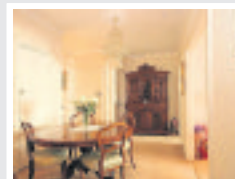
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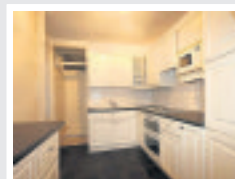
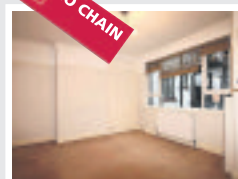
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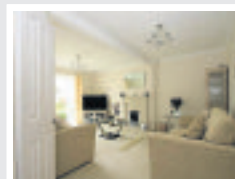
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**3 Bedrooms**  
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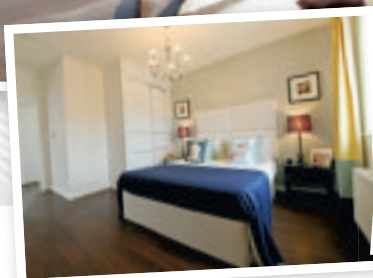
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If they're on a fixed-term contract without a break-clause, you'll have to wait until that contract comes to an end before you can increase the rent. This rule applies even if you've recently improved the property, such as installing a new bathroom or replacing old furniture. You or your agent should write to the tenant a couple of months before the end of their contract offering to renew the tenancy but at a higher price.

Where there is a break clause in the contract, you can increase the rent at the point of the break, but only with the tenant's agreement and this can't be within the first six months of the lease. If you have a periodic tenancy (which rolls on week by week or month by month), you can increase the rent at any time as long as you or your agent give the tenant a month's notice. You can only raise the rent once every 12 months unless the tenant agrees to further increases.

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Alan Kirkman

**Q: I read something recently about a woman in London causing an uproar by having her house painted in candy stripes. We have the same problem with one of our neighbours (although not stripes!). Advice please.**

**A: The case you're referring to involved residents of a very**

**fashionable street in Kensington, who are apparently up in arms after a neighbour had the front of her £15 million house painted in broad vertical red and white stripes - which someone described as looking like a beach hut! Apparently, she did this quite deliberately, in a rather childish fit of pique, after losing out in a planning dispute.**

Now, I obviously don't know the details of your own problem - although I doubt if it's quite as extreme as this one! Nevertheless, even if your neighbours are just planning to paint their property in a slightly eccentric colour, then I understand your concern -



Alan Kirkman is a Director of both Tudor Estates in Southend and Essex TEAM part of a network of independently owned estate agents who share their instructions for the benefit of giving their client properties maximum market exposure. Alan has been an estate agent for over 32 years.

particularly if you are looking to sell in the near future.

But is there anything you can actually do about it? The answer to that is, very little - as the aggrieved Kensingtonians have discovered.

A spokesman for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea even admitted as much, pointing out that no planning laws had been broken.

And that's the point. Your neighbours are perfectly entitled to paint their house any colour they choose - unless, of

course, they live in a conservation area, or their property is Listed. Besides, even if you were able to take your neighbours to some tribunal or other, you would be entering into a formal dispute with them. And if you are looking to move house in the near future, you should think twice about doing that. Why? Well, because if the dispute were still unresolved when you came to sell, you would be legally bound to bring it to the attention of any possible purchasers!

So, when all's said and done, the key thing to do here is to try and avoid falling out over the issue. Such disputes can all too easily drag on and on, and even turn quite nasty. And aggrieved or even downright vindictive neighbours are the last thing you want - particularly if you're planning to move house!



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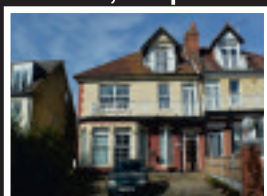
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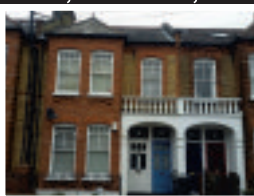
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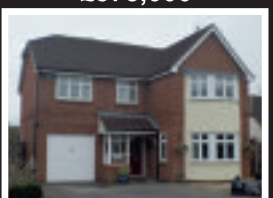
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# PrimeTime

**What's on and  
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## Yesterday once more



TRIBUTE: The band onstage and, inset, Carole Gordon

By **LIZ WADE**

**A**WARD-winning vocalist Carole Gordon is returning to the Queen's Theatre with not just a selection, but all of The Carpenters' unforgettable melodies.

With decades in the industry and a soft spot for the Hornchurch venue, audiences at the Billet Lane theatre look set for an outstanding evening of entertainment from Carole and her accompanying band on Sunday, May 10.

Voice of the Heart pays tribute to one of the world's most popular singing duos – Karen Carpenter and her brother Richard – who went on to become one of the most popular bands of the 1970s. Carole admits that Karen is one of her idols saying: "She was my ultimate influence. When they were in the charts in the 70s I was in my early teens. When I heard her voice on the radio I thought it was absolutely amazing."

Comparing her voice as similar to Karen's

low tones Carole is quick to say this is not an tribute act, but in fact "a tribute to the music and arrangements by Richard Carpenter".

"It's two hours of all The Carpenters' hit and lots and lots of great album tracks," adds Carole. "They are such great songs that deserve to be heard. Some as so very sad, so very true to life. They mean more to me now than they ever did."

Talking a day after the first anniversary of her husband Bob Newman's death, Carole explains that at one point she just wanted to throw everything in when it came to performing as she didn't want to go on alone, but it was one of the last things that Bob said to her that made her rethink her future.

"He said 'darling, if you stop singing and doing the show I'll come back and haunt you'," says Carole. "I'm now running the show on my own and really enjoying it again."

It isn't just Voice of the Heart that the couple worked on together as they had been performing together for a total of 32 years.

Even before that Carole had a flair for performing as she tells us that she was a singing from a young age as a child, and playing piano and guitar, before appearing in school concerts.

"I then started up the ladder," says Carole. "Then I met my husband and we started performing together. We met in a band."

With country music their passion they used to tour the UK and Europe, went to Nashville USA to represent Great Britain at The International Fanfare, and had the pleasure of supporting Tammy Wynette on her many sell out tours in the UK.

For eight years they were voted Britain's Most Popular Act by The British Country Music Association, but country music was not going to be the only way the couple would make a musical impact. They created the show Forever in Blue Jeans 20 years ago and it was from this that Voice of the Heart was born.



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**PrimeTime****film review**

AGENTS: Peter Firth and Kit Harington  
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# Harry's game

**SPOOKS: THE GREATER GOOD (15, 104 mins)**

**D**uring a nine-year run on BBC One, Spooks thrilled viewers with the morally conflicted escapades of members of Section D of MI5, including one gruesome death sequence involving a deep fat fryer that sparked a deluge of complaints.

The show concluded in 2011 with the death of a pivotal character, effectively bringing down the curtain on the high-stakes spy game.

After four years in dramatic limbo, familiar faces return in this glossy big-screen mission penned by Jonathan Brackley and Sam Vincent, who co-wrote the majority of episodes of the final two series.

There's a comforting air of familiarity about this Bourne Identity-style caper that serves as a reboot of the franchise and wedges the door ajar for further assignments, presuming lead actor Kit Harington can be wooed away from Game Of Thrones.

Director Bharat Nalluri, who was closely associated with the TV version, maintains a brisk pace and

orchestrates a couple of nail-biting action sequences.

Sir Harry Pearce (Peter Firth), head of counter-terrorism at MI5, oversees the handover of terrorist Qasim (Elyes Gabel) to the CIA.

The transfer, via the traffic-clogged roads of London, reaches a standoff when Qasim's gun-toting henchmen attack the police escort. Harry makes the bold decision to avoid bloodshed by releasing the prisoner.

Qasim narrowly escapes a subsequent pursuit by MI5 agent June Keaton (Tuppence Middleton) and her partner.

Soon after, Harry vanishes without trace, shouldering the blame for the debacle.

Dame Geraldine Maltby (Jennifer Ehle), Deputy Director General of MI5, and Oliver Mace (Tim McInnerny), Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee, enlist Harry's protegee Will Crombie (Harington) to track down his mentor.

Will reluctantly agrees and unwittingly stumbles into a deadly conspiracy.

"I had to find someone I can trust: it's a short list," Harry informs Will when they

eventually meet.

With the clock ticking before Qasim detonates a dirty bomb in the heart of London, Will attempts to navigate a web of intrigue, some of it spun by Harry, aided by fellow agent Erin Watts (Lara Pulver).

Spooks: The Greater Good references tragic events from the final episode of the TV series and reopens old wounds to cast doubt on the ulterior motives of some of the key players.

Fans will savour these gossamer thin ties to the past but Nalluri's picture works well as a stand-alone feature for the uninitiated.

Firth affects the same furrowed brow to suggest he is custodian of too many secrets, while Harington expends energy in bruising fight sequences.

The plot twists and turns, and threatens to tie itself in knots, but thankfully unravels with a satisfying dose of treachery.

As Harry reminds his idealistic protegee, "You can do good or you can do well. Sooner or later, they make you choose."

**Released: May 8**  
**RATING: 6/10**

## Stage

# Carpenters show comes to Queen's

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In the production was a short piece of The Carpenters' music and the audience loved it so much that Bob wrote Voice of the Heart, but it was a long process getting in to the stage.

Carole added: "From start to finish it takes a long time. You have to research the music, there's a vast repertoire to pick from, then you have to decide which ones will make it into the show and which will be sidelined."

Once Bob had written it they sent the show to the musical director, then it was rehearsals with the band and the choreography and Carole started creating the costumes for it.

Bob's work as the original producer of the Voice of the Heart lives on in the show and today Carole is support-

ed by an outstanding band she describes as not only a very, very good team but also great friends who have offered her immense support since Bob's death.

These include musical director Martyn Cooper on piano and synthesiser, John Blackburn on drums, Graham Walker on bass and backing vocals, Andy Saphir on lead/bass guitar and backing vocals, Carolyn Lawford on saxophone, flute, clarinet and backing vocals and Rachel Cantrell on backing vocals and percussion.

The show is bursting with the Carpenters' well-loved hits including Close to You, Yesterday Once More, Goodbye to Love and Only Yesterday.

Carole is looking forward to returning to the Queen's

Theatre this week, having brought Forever in Blue Jeans to Hornchurch the atreagoers every Good Friday for the past 16 years, and making an annual return with Voice of the Heart.

She said: "It's one of our favourite places. They are such great supporters of our shows and we always have great nights there."

As well as continuing to sing and perform, Carole is also busy fundraising for cancer research in memory of her husband, raising £1,800 on the anniversary of his death during a special fundraising event.

■ For further information and tickets for the evening, which starts at 7.30pm on Sunday, call the theatre's box office on 01708 443333 or visit [www.queens-theatre.co.uk](http://www.queens-theatre.co.uk).



# Liz At Large

**YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about**



## Holding Court-auld at Henry VIII's old place

**A** £1.7million renovation project is now complete at Eltham Palace, with five new rooms allowing visitors to get closer to its former inhabitants and even step back into the 1930s.

The project at the lavish home in Greenwich, London – one of the finest examples of Art Deco architecture and design surviving in Britain today – was finished last month and gives a further glimpse into the lives of millionaires Stephen and Virginia Courtauld.

The couple, who built the house on the site of a medieval palace that was the childhood home of Henry VIII, saving its great hall as they did so, travelled the world extensively thanks to Stephen's wealthy textile family.

The renovation project at their former home includes newly opened rooms such as Virginia's walk-in wardrobe featuring glamorous dresses from the 1930s – including some costumes visitors can try on – and a map room. The walls of the map room, where globetrotting Stephen and Virginia planned their exotic world travels, had been previously hidden under layers of paint and were only discovered when someone peeled off a piece of wall-paper to reveal part of a British roadmap. It was here that the

Courtaulds' secretary would have planned the months the couple spent travelling each year.

You can also explore the basement with its billiard room and original mural, photographic darkroom and a luxury wartime bunker. It is here in the bunker, created during the early years of the Second World War with a master bedroom fashioned from screens as well as guest beds, where you can listen to the memories of people who remember staying there.

Alongside entrance tickets, visitors now also receive the identity of one of 10 guests who were once invited to a Courtaulds' house party, including explorers, film directors and politicians. The identities allow visitors to take a personal journey through the eyes of their adopted guest and find out more about them as they explore the house.

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**Saturday, May 9**

- Rayleigh History Walk – 3pm from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane (off High Street), £2 per person, contact Mike Stone on 01268 775328.
- Transmission Meditation Workshop – Helliwell Room, Southend Library, 10-11.30am, call 01702 331609.
- The South East Essex Ramblers – visit <http://sites.google.com/site/southeastessexramblers> to find out when we are walking this week.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, [enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk).
- Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Dads and Kids Club – The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am-noon, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke. 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz workshop – Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).
- Flamingo Fairs vintage and more fair – The Churchill Room, Wanstead Library, corner of Woodbine Place and Spratt Hall Road 11am-4pm, free entry.

**Sunday, May 10**

- Woof in the Woods – Visitor centre,

Belfairs Woods, 10am, for dogs and owners. In aid of Rotary Club charities including the Nepal Disaster fund. Contact Jo 07816 941035.

- Dinner Jazz – Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm, Jazztet with Ian Thompson saxophone/Gareth George guitar.
- Carvey Miniature Railway Train Rides – by Waterside Sports Centre, Somnes Avenue, Carvey Island, SS8 9RA. 10.30am-4pm, adults and children £1 each a ride, weather permitting. 07950 659596.
- Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut – 10am-noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
- Sunday School – Get on Board (no charge), The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am-noon, ages three to 10. 07585 601815 or 07867 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
- King's Church Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's – Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children aged three to 12), Bible stories, craft, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, open to all, details Mo 07757 658799.

**Monday, May 11**

- Dinner Jazz – Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm, Jazztet with Ian Thompson saxophone, Gareth George guitar. 01702 345247.
- Echos from Above – spiritual centre, Ekco Sports and Social Club Thorndon Gardens, SS2 6PU. 7.15pm. £3.50, all profits to charity, wards at Southend Hospital.
- Club 50+ – Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm daily, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Sunshine Coffee Morning – for parents in Craylands and Felmores area. Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free informative workshop, coffee, cake and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035965, or turn up.
- Dance class – usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and

East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.

- Leigh Scrabble Club – 7-10pm. All standards welcome. Welsley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.
- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over-50s. Craft: 10am-noon, tai chi: whist 9.45-12.30, 10am to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm, choir: 2.30-4pm, indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 466584.
- Senior Citizens Club – Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
- Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, [enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk).
- Over-50s Keep-fit Classes – Fryerns Community Centre, details Pat 01268 770294.
- Over-50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Badminton and table tennis 2-4pm. £3.50 inc refreshments and equipment. 01268 773100.
- Activity Session for adults with special needs – 10am to noon. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, no charge for carers.
- Duplicate Bridge – Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opp Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm, call Vernon 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laining, details Jeff Levy 07913 426371 or email [join@basildonplayers.co.uk](mailto:join@basildonplayers.co.uk).
- Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Beginners Computer Course – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.
- Club 60 – Southend, 9.30-4pm, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 613562.
- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh – welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls – in Thundersley.
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- Indoor Short Mat Bowls – Prittlewell

Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, details Ray 01268 777666.

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- Whist – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am to noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club – Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.
- Pensioners stall – York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
- Evening of clairvoyance – Room 2, Paddock, Long Road, Canvey, doors 7.30pm, £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.
- Healing – in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NPSH healers, no charge, all donation to local hospital, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.
- Developmental Healing Circle – Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, details 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, details 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3 inc tea/coffee, call 01268 727915.
- Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.

**Tuesday, May 12**

- Anchor Folk Club – Brooke Williams, 7-9, Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, £8, 01702 715111.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, [enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk).
- Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6 beginners welcome, Please bring a blanket and your yoga mat, from 16 plus. 07961 314983.
- Social Dance Class – with instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
- Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
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**59YR** old Vicentian lady, 5ft 2ins, collar length hair, likes cinema, theatre, meals out, seeks West Indian male, 50-63 for friendship. Tel No: **0906 500 3766 Box No: 303676**

**SLIM**, modern female, 60, West Indian, likes meals out, holidays, cinema, theatre, seeks West Indian male, 61-64 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: **0906 500 3766 Box No: 302021**

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■ Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club require new or experienced players – James Hornsby School, Laindon weekly. First session free call or text Alan 07952 043456.  
■ Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.  
■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.  
■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm. 01702 715111.  
■ Tea Dance – Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, Ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 01702 584575.  
■ Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library) 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.  
■ Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.  
■ The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.  
■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.  
■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2 enquiries Anne 01702 556470.  
■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: noon-1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.  
■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, ages 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.  
■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.  
■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.  
■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.  
■ Carpet Bowls – Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 1.45-3.45pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session, joining fee £5, first session free.  
■ Bingo and Hoy – Wick Community

Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.  
■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities, aged 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.  
■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.  
■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.  
■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.  
■ Shesbury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shesbury, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice for parents with babies and children up to five. 01702 577656.

## Wednesday, May 13

■ Essex Handicrafts Association – talk: Silk from China to Essex, 7.30pm, St Barnabas Church Hall, Hadleigh. 01702 479862.  
■ Pregnancy Yoga Class – Westwood Primary School, Hadleigh, 8-9pm, £6 per session, Details Linda 01702 552260.  
■ Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA, 07948 108195.  
■ Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk.  
■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3.00pm. Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.  
■ Leigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, www.leighsingles.co.uk for details.  
■ Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.  
■ Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet, Ballroom, Latin and sequence dances for all abilities, 2-4.25pm, free car park, strictly over-18s, £4 per person. 01268 752473.  
■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2. 01268 465854.  
■ Barn Dance – Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend,

live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.  
■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details Olive 01702 625069.  
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■ Breathing Exercise Group – run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation call Honore 01268 574390.  
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■ Duplicate Bridge – Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, 7.30pm, details Hilary 01702 712501.  
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■ Health Walk – Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods car park, details 01702 318121.  
■ Jive classes – Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.  
■ Buddies Over-50 Singles Club – Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm, details Dee, 01268 565045.  
■ Westcliff National Spiritualist Church – Hildesley Drive, Westcliff, mediums demonstrate clairvoyance, 7.30pm.  
■ Pottery – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.  
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By Maxine Ashford

WHEN Peugeot launched the RCZ – its striking 2+2 sports coupe model in 2010 – it was an instant hit with gorgeous streamlining and a bold, athletic stance that stopped onlookers dead in their tracks.

Few believed the car could get any better looking but it has. The upgraded model is a total attention-grabber with slightly more modern styling with a new front face and the curvaceous double-bubble roof all leading to those powerful rear wings that give the car its mean, sultry yet totally absorbing character.

The new grille is accentuated by a lower air intake and there are new light clusters of six LEDs in the shape of claws behind smoked glass.

It would be fair to say it's hard to take your eyes off the new RCZ and the inside has also seen an upgrade in design, layout and technology. The car has the finest leather upholstery and screams premium at you wherever you lay your eyes.

Features include heated electric seats with memory settings, an audio system which is compatible with modern devices, Bluetooth, sat nav, automatic dual-zone air-conditioning, automatic lights and wipers, a sporty flat-bottomed steering wheel and a host of other features.

This car was fitted with 19-inch alloys and another striking feature is the automatic or



UPGRADE: Peugeot RCZ GT THP 200

manual spoiler to improve the dynamics which just proves the RCZ is very capable of taking on the big guns.

And when it comes to performance the car is a dream to drive with its low slung stance offering brilliant grippy road-holding which means tight bends can be attacked with absolute confidence.

The acceleration through the six-speed manual transmission is smooth and responsive with the 200bhp 1.6-litre petrol-driven engine delivering all the power you could wish for.

According to official figures it can sprint to

62mph from a standing start in 7.6 seconds and tops out at 146mph – and can deliver a fairly creditable 42.2mpg on a combined run along the way.

In and around town the RCZ is easy to manoeuvre although visibility over the shoulder to check the blind spot is a tad limited, as it is on all sports coupe models.

But it's out on the faster roads where this car comes alive.

Motorway driving is fine, but twisting, turning country lanes are its playground and it loves to show off displaying just how capable it is with a roar from the twin exhausts as

### FAST FACTS

**Price:** £27,150

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There is a little road surface noise, probably because the GT model is fitted with 19-inch alloys, but that aside the car is an absolute peach.

Being a 2+2 model the rear seats offer limited space for passengers but are handy to hold coats and bags.

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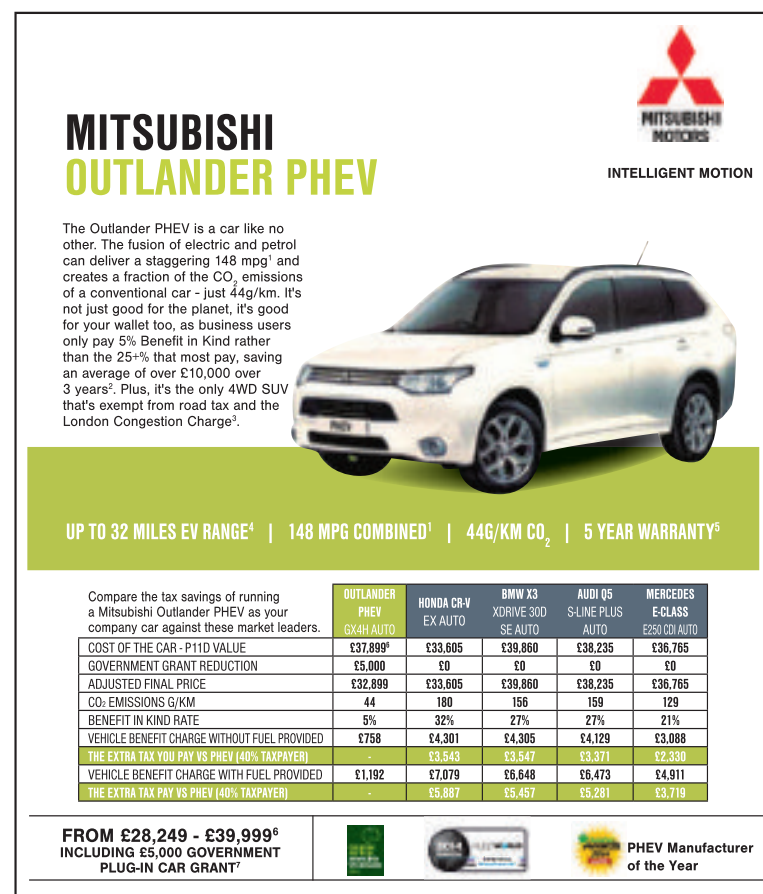
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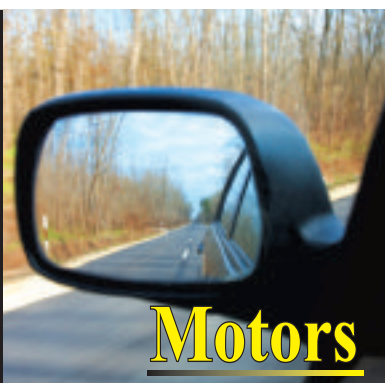
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## WISE MORECAMBE SPOIL THE PARTY

### Blues miss out on automatic promotion as winning streak falters

#### Southend United

**Morecambe 3 Southend United 1**  
By Rowland Lyons  
at the Globe Arena

SOUTHEND'S luck ran out on Saturday after the mid-table Shrimps ended the Blues' automatic promotion hopes.

Jack Payne's first-half strike proved only to be a consolation as goals from Jack Redshaw, Aaron Wildig and Jamie Devitt, means Phil Brown's men must face Stevenage in the play-offs.

On the back of eight consecutive victories and as many clean sheets, and needing a first-ever league win over their hosts to be sure of going up, the Blues were quick out of the traps, with Payne leading the early attacks.

But Morecambe had other ideas and Redshaw netted after only four minutes as the Southend defence failed to deal with Wildig's cross.

The 2,000-plus travelling support didn't have to wait too long as six minutes later the in-form David Worrall picked out Payne, who drove home from close range.

Southend then went on to dominate, but failed to cash in, with only Ryan Leonard blasting wide with an angled drive, before Barry Corr cleared the home end with an audacious 40-yarder.

With news filtering through at the break that rivals Wycombe were winning, the Shrimps were stung into action straight from the restart, with Payne again in the thick of the action, but Andreas Arestidou was in fine form with a couple of important blocks.

Throwing bodies forward, gaps



**SO CLOSE:** Southend boss Phil Brown now has to rally the troops for the play-offs  
Photo by Martin Dalton

were inevitably going to appear at the back and Wildig took full advantage, restoring Morecambe's lead after 54 minutes with a close-range effort from good Kevin Ellison build-up play.

Having seen a Payne effort blocked by Arestidou and sub Kevan Hurst shoot weakly from only four yards out, Morecambe showed no mercy when – on 66 minutes with acres of space – Redshaw picked out Devitt who hit the winner.

There was then no way back for a tiring Southend with Joe Pigott, on for Ben Coker, shooting wide and Payne forcing Arestidou into a smart stoppage time save, to leave

Brown admitting: "It was disappointing today, the expectation levels were to come and win the game, but the emotions got the better of us. We now have to do what we did last season and to try and go up via the play-offs."

"It was a missed opportunity, but we now have to dust ourselves down and prepare for the trials and tribulations and twists and turns of the play-offs."

"We pushed for a winner towards the end, but it wasn't enough. We were beaten by the better team today. We had got ourselves into a great situation. But, unfortunately, we threw it away."

He reflected: "You have to go in

the dressing room and see how much this defeat hurts. We must now turn that massive hurt into a positive when we play Stevenage."

"It's very disappointing for our travelling fans, who came up here with so much expectancy. We expected a carnival, party atmosphere. But we showed Morecambe too much respect and conceded a goal. Despite coming back with our goal, their second was a bridge too far. We did everything we could to get back into the game, but unfortunately, it wasn't to be."

Goalscorer Payne added: "Obviously I'm gutted as it [promotion] was in our hands. I thought when we got the goal back, we were going on to win it. But it didn't turn out to be like that. We conceded a soft goal and things didn't go right for us today."

"We have been on a great run – so we must take the positives. With 24 out of 27 points, we are still the form team going into the play-offs. We must make sure we do it right, now."

Southend travel to sixth placed, Stevenage on Sunday (kick-off 6.35pm).

**Morecambe:** Andreas Arestidou, Shaun Beeley, Andy Parrish, Mark Hughes (captain), Jamie Devitt (Paul Mullin 74), Jack Redshaw (Aaron McGowan 83), Alex Kenyon (captain), Andy Fleming (Stuart Drummond 68), Kevin Ellison, Aaron Wildig, Laurence Wilson. Subs (not used): Tom Stewart; Paul Mullin, Alan Goodall, Padraig Amond.

**Southend United:** Daniel Bentley, Ryan Leonard (captain), Cian Bolger, Adam Barrett, Ben Coker (Joe Pigott 71), Will Atkinson (Kevan Hurst 59), Michael Timlin, Gary Deegan (John White 63), David Worrall, Jack Payne, Barry Corr. Subs (not used): Ted Smith; Myles Weston, Stephen McLaughlin, Jake Cassidy.

Attendance: 4,106

#### Non-league round-up

## Brentwood promoted

by Brian Jeeves

BRENTWOOD Town produced a fantastic performance to win their Ryman League One North play-off final 5-0 against local rivals Thurrock at the Brentwood Arena.

Alex Akrofi grabbed a hat-trick, while Robbie Rees and Sherwin Stanley were also on target, with all the goals coming in an extraordinary second period.

Elsewhere Barking lifted the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy after an entertaining 4-2 win over Clapton at Burnham Ramblers' Leslie Field ground. Joe Staunton, Ben O'Brien, Tom Jeffes and Glen Golby ensured the trophy when back to Mayesbrook Park, James Briggs and Jake Stevens grabbed consoling goals for the Tons.

Clapton will once again be in the hunt for silverware when they face Bowers & Pitsea at Burroughs Park, home of Great Wakering Rovers, on Sunday in the Essex Senior League Cup Final.

In the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League there was a clutch of goals. Brett Munyard (2) and Ross Webster were on target for Premier Division Rayleigh Town, who saw off Frenford Senior by three goals to nil. And there was a resounding 6-0 win for Newbury Forest against struggling Southminster St Leonards.

In Division One Old Southendian and Galleywood played out a six-goal thriller at Warners Park with the visitors eventually running out 4-2 winners. While in Division Two, Reece Conway hit a brace and Tommy Barton also found the net as Basildon Town won 3-1 at Snaresbrook.

## Cowley quits Concord

DANNY Cowley, the most successful manager in Concord Rangers' history, has quit the club to link up with Vanarama Conference Premier Outfit Braintree Town.

Cowley, 36, had been in charge at the Aspect Arena for eight years, leading the club to three promotions, six domestic cups and notably oversaw his team's heroic FA Cup run, in which they took Sky Bet League Two side Mansfield Town to a replay.

Cowley links up with the Iron on an initial two-year deal after former West Ham United midfielder Alan Devonshire decided against renewing his contract.

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Bingham's family were on hand to join in the celebrations as he received the trophy and a cheque for £300,000.

He is the oldest world champion since Ray Reardon defeated Perrie Mans in 1978 at the age of 45.

## O's down to League 2 after disappointing draw

#### Leyton Orient

**Swindon Town 2 Leyton Orient 2**  
By Rowland Lyons  
at the County Ground

LEYTON Orient can look forward to trips to League Two footballing outposts such as Accrington Stanley and Carlisle next season, after suffering relegation heartbreak after only drawing at 10-man Swindon Town on Sunday. The results involving the other strugglers proved only academic.

The O's did everything they could to ensure survival against the Robins, who had keeper Tyrrell Belford dismissed for a foul.

But Orient didn't help their cause with a Lloyd James penalty miss, before Dean Cox and Chris Dagnall scored. Anton Rodgers and Andy

Williams levelled after the break.

Against a weakened Robins starting 11 with only two recognised first-teamers, the O's made a positive start, but were unable to beat third choice gloveman Belford until the 18th minute when a rush of blood saw him upend a clean-through James in the penalty area.

The unfortunate keeper was then shown a straight red card before Josh Cooke stepped aside for ex-Southend loanee Cameron Belford to step into the breach.

James then stepped up but Belford guessed right and pulled off a fine 22nd minute low save to frustrate the thousand-plus travelling Orient support.

Now enjoying numerical superiority, the O's dominated and finally edged ahead five minutes from the break when

Cox dispossessed Raphael Rossi-Branco, and fired home from 10 yards.

The O's doubled their lead two minutes into the second-half when Dagnall hit his first goal in 10 games from a cruel rebound after Belford had done so well to deny Jay Simpson.

Straight from the restart Cox saw a spectacular effort bounce back off the crossbar.

Swindon then pulled a goal back on 61 minutes when John Swift teed up Rodgers, who beat the underworked Alex Cisak with a spectacular lofted drive. The Robins then enjoyed their best spell of the game with Williams shooting agonisingly across the face of the Orient goal, before the classy Swift was inches over connecting with a Jack Bartham cross.

Swindon's domination paid off five

minutes from time when Williams's penalty, following a Luke O'Neill foul sealed the O's fate.

Liverani was again left to face the music and admitted: "The objective initially was to avoid relegation. But, it didn't go that way. When a club is relegated, everyone is responsible for what happened. As the manager I'm more responsible than anyone. It is a very sad day for me today."

**Swindon Town:** Tyrrell Belford (sent-off 18); Jack Bartham, Raphael Rossi-Branco, Samuel Ricketts (captain), Jordan Turnbull (Jack Stephens 46), Harry Agombar (Lee Marshall 62), Anton Rodgers, John Swift, Andy Williams, Will Randall, Joshua Cooke (Cameron Belford 21).

**Leyton Orient:** Alex Cisak; Luke O'Neill, Mathieu Baudry, Nathan Clarke (captain), Elliot Omozusi (Shane Lowry 55) Dean Cox, Marvin Bartley, Josh Wright, Lloyd James, Jay Simpson, Chris Dagnall.



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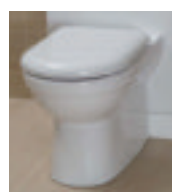
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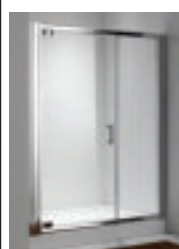
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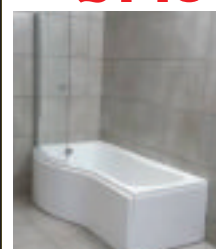
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